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SUBJECT: 1978 MEAT EXPORTS: COSTA RICA AND PANAMA

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1. COSTA RICA:

(A) SITUATION THROUGH 1977 -- TO AID
RECOVERY OF OVERGRAZED AND
DROUGHT DAMAGED PASTURES
IN IMPORTANT CURLE RAISING PROVINCE OF GUANACASTE,
PRESSURES WILL CONTINUE STRONG TO: (1) CARRY OUT
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE EXPORT TO VENEZUELA OF 25,000
BREEDING HEIFERS AND 20,000 FAT STEERS ON-THE-HOOF;
AND 2) CULL NONPRODUCTIVE CATTLE FROM HERDS. SHIP-
MENTS OF FAT STEERS TO VENEZUELA HAS DEPRESSED
MARKET THERE FOR ADDITIONAL LARGE QUANTITIES OF COSTA
RICAN BEEF. SLAUGHTER OF STEERS FOR SHIPMENT TO
U.S.

NKLARUYT#WILL PICK UP AS U.S. PRICES STRENGTHEN.

(B) OUTLOOK FOR 1978 -- CONSIDERING A SOMEWHAT
SLOWER RATE IN HERD GROWTH, NORMAL EXTRACTION
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RATE AND REDUCED CARACAS YIELD RESULTING FROM
2 SUCCESSIVE YEARS OF POOR PASTURES, BEEF AVAIL-
ABLE FROM 1978 SLAUGHTER FOR EXPORT TO ALL DES-
TINATIONS SHOULD TOTAL 68 MILLION POUNDS. WHILE
THERE ARE NO CURRENT COMMITMENTS FOR EXPORT TO
NON-TRADITIONAL MARKETS, IT SHOULD BE ASSUMED

THAT THESE MARKETS WILL TAKE ABOUT 5 MILLION
POUNDS WHICH WOULD LEAVE 63 MILLION POUNDS
AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT TO THE U.S. MARKET.

2. CONAMA: AGATT TRAVELING TO PANAMA DURING WEEK
SEPT 5-9 AND WILL MEET WITH CATTLE INDUSTRY
REPRESENTATIVES. WILL PROVIDE ANALYSIS FOLLOW-
ING RETURN TO SAN JOSE, FYI, STORY IN LOCAL
NEWSPAPER DATED SEPT. 2 REPORTS THAT GOVERNMENT
OF PANAMA HAS SUSPENDED THE EXPORTATION OF BEEF
UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT IT CAN BE GUARANTEED THAT
PLENTIFUL SUPPLY EXISTS FOR THE INTERNAL MARKET.
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